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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2066

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TANGOV CURRENT REACTION

REF: A) STATE 119868, B) USUN 1904

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA (A) CONFIRMS THAT TANGOV
CONTINUES SUPPORT WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS ON NAMIBIA,
(B) SUGGESTS THAT ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA ARE MORE INFLUENTIAL WITH
SWAPO THAN TANZANIA, AND (C) INDICATES THAT TANZANIA WOULD BE
WILLING ATTEND NEW HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY.
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2. PRESIDENT NYERERE WILL NOT BE IN DAR ES SALAAM FOR ANOTHER
TWO OR THREE DAYS, SO WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS ARRANGED
DISCUSSION ON NAMIBIA WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA MORNING
SUNDAY, MAY 14. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER PRESENTED REF B TALKING
POINTS.

3. MKAPA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD BELIEVED WE WERE VERY CLOSE TO SETTLEMENT WHEN HE HAD LEFT NEW YORK ON MAY 2. SOUTH AFRICAN RAID HAD UNDONE MUCH OF PREVIOUS GOOD WORK. HOWEVER, FRONT LINE STATES STILL BELIEVED SWAPO-CONTACT GROUP MEETING WAS ESSENTIAL NEXT STEP. EVEN IF NOTHING MORE WAS DONE THAN GOING OVER SAME POINTS, SUSPICION COULD BE REMOVED AND MOMENTUM REGAINED. HE HAD NO THOUGHTS ON TIMING OF SUCH A MEETING. HE WAS NOT OVERLY WORRIED ABOUT SWAPO RETALIATION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA; ITS CAPABILITY WAS EXTREMELY LIMITED. HE WELCOMED THE FIVE'S COMMITMENT ON WALVIS BAY AND THEIR RECENT LETTER TO SWAPO.

4. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADORS' URGING THAT TANZANIA HELP WITH SWAPO, MKAPA SAID TANZANIANS WOULD BE HAPPY CONTINUE ATTEMPT INFLUENCE SWAPO TO ACCEPTANCE OF CG PROPOSALS IF OCCASION AROSE, BUT AT THIS POINT HE FORESAW NO SPECIFIC CONTACT WITH NUJOMA. HE THOUGHT TANZANIA HAD ABHET EXHAUSTED ITS INFLUENCE. ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA COULD BE MORE USEFUL NOW.

5. MKAPA REFERRED TO FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING BBC RADIO BROADCASTS THAT SAID SECRETARY VANCE HAD CALLED FOR A SUMMIT WITH THE FRONT LINE ON NAMIBIA AND ASKED IF THIS WAS TRUE. NONE OF THE AMBASSADORS HAD ANY INFORMATION BEYOND THE RADIO BROADCASTS. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION IN WHICH I PROMISED PASS ON TO MKAPA ANY SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION I RECEIVED, HE INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT TANZANIA WOULD BE HAPPY ATTEND SUCH A CONFERENCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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